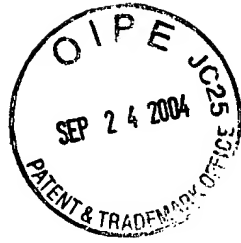


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Sir:

Applicants received a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due and a Notice of Allowability, both dated September 10, 2004, in the above-identified application.

However, a matter needs to be resolved before the Issue Fee is to be paid.

Applicants submitted a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement on March 14, 2003, citing several documents, which were listed in an Information Disclosure Citation form (Form PTO-1449). The Examiner indicated consideration of most of these documents by initialing and returning a copy of the Form PTO-1449. However, the Examiner did not indicate consideration of European Patent Application No. 0 863 479 on

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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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